

“I am pleased that the USDA has responded to our calls to extend the comment period for this proposed rule” said Costa. “The Administration must listen to our farmers and ranchers to understand the devastating impact this rule could have and make the changes necessary to protect our Valley’s livestock industry.”

GIPSA published the proposed rule in the *Federal Register* on June 22, 2010. The Agency proposed adding several new sections to the regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented.

GIPSA will consider comments received by November 22, 2010. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov ; hard copy via mail, hand delivery, or courier to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1643–S, Washington, DC 20250–3604; fax to (202) 690–2173; or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>

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